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City strike threatens services

LABOUR UNREST

Union votes in favour of mandate ahead of negotiations

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Labour unrest could be on its way to Toronto, as the city's largest public sector union held a strike vote over the weekend.

Members of the CUPE Local 79, which represents 20,000 inside workers, turned out in big numbers Saturday to give leadership a strike mandate in the event negotiations with the city go south.

The results of the vote were unavailable Sunday, but Tim Maguire, president of Local 79, expected support to be high.

"Our members are looking for more stability in their jobs," he said. "The majority of them have lost their full-time employment, and we think that's getting out of bounds."

CUPE Local 416, which represents about 6,000 outside employees, is also expected to hold a similar vote Tuesday and Wednesday. Contracts with both unions expired Dec. 31.

Maguire stressed that the union would rather get results at the bargaining table instead of the picket line. However, if a strike occurs, a number of city services — from garbage pickup to homeless shelters — could be affected.

According to a letter to members, CUPE Local 79 claims the city is proposing contracts that will leave workers "threatened with more cuts, all to help pay for the city's financial mismanagement."

Cuts to sick pay and benefits have deepened, and too many workers are stuck in precarious positions, Maguire said.

"The city's approach doesn't respect those needs, and our people want to be heard," he said.

> People are concerned about the potential of an aggressive approach from the city at the bargaining tables.
>
> Tim Maguire

GOLIATH, MEET DAVID

She was suspended without pay from her job at Pearson after her security clearance was revoked. Now she's challenging the decision in federal court.

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Ayaan Farah says information about her may have been obtained from carding.

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No cash in sight for workers denied pay

LABOUR

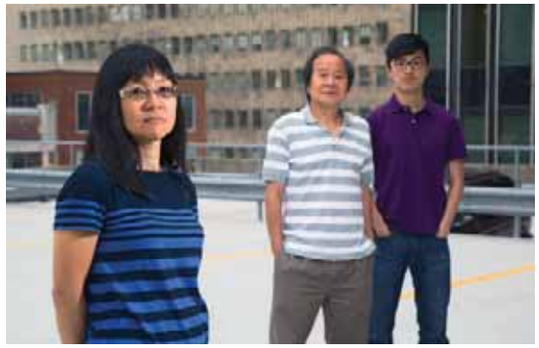
Also no charges for restaurant owners handed order long ago

A group of 68 restaurant workers owed almost $700,000 in unpaid wages have yet to see a single penny of it — five months after the Ministry of Labour ordered their bosses to pay up.

The ministry issued an order to pay in August to the employers, who owned four now-closed Chinese restaurants in the GTA and 15 other related businesses. But the ministry has so far been unable to collect the low-wage workers' money or prosecute bosses Ellen Pun and Patsy Lai.

The landmark case was the culmination of an investigation by the ministry that lasted more than a year and a half. It found that workers at the Regal restaurants chain were denied money in a multitude of ways, including bounced cheques, being misclassified as liquor servers (who are not entitled to full minimum wage in Ontario), or simply being denied pay for months on end.

In total, Pun and Lai were found to owe workers $676,693. However, the ministry ordered Pun and Lai to pay out only $457,443 of that sum. Workers' claims used to be capped at $10,000, a limit removed by the government last year.



From left: Legal clinic director Avvy Go, legal worker Daniel Yau and staff lawyer Vince Wong are involved in the battle to help dozens of restaurant workers who are owed $676,693 in back wages. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

63%

Percentage of Ministry of Labour **orders to pay that went uncollected** in 2014

Pun and Lai could not be reached for comment. The workers' lawyer, Avvy Go, of the Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, said her clients were losing hope of ever seeing the money they are entitled to.

"Honestly, I think many of them have given up," she said.

Jian E. Gu, who worked as a waitress at Regal Chinese Restaurant & Banquet Hall in Scarborough until the end of 2013, is still owed $3,000 in wages and termination pay from Pun and Lai. Gu said she was paid $8.90 an hour and often worked up to 50 hours a week.

Speaking through a translator, she said the long wait for her money is having a huge financial impact on her family of three.

"When I was working, I paid taxes," she said. "But when I had difficulties, I couldn't get protection."

In addition to trying to collect unpaid wages from Pun and Lai, the ministry can also prosecute them — which could result in hefty fines or imprisonment.

When Go approached the Ministry of Labour about pursuing prosecutions, she was told the ministry was preparing documentation to seek prosecution but that the final decision rested with the attorney general's office, according to a September letter.

Go said she has not received a response to a subsequent letter sent to deputy attorney general Patrick Monahan in November urging him to take action.

A spokesperson for the attorney general's office referred inquiries to the Ministry of Labour, whose spokesman, William Lin, said no decision has been made about prosecuting Pun and Lai. He said all measures were being taken to recover the workers' money, but that none of Pun and Lai's businesses were found to have any assets.

Pun and Lai both filed for personal bankruptcy in 2014. Records show Pun had debts of $11.3 million, and Lai, $5.4 million. Their sole asset was an Aurora house worth $4.2 million, according to legal documents from that time. That home has since been sold through power of sale.

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Six-year-old Walla Shihab tries on a donated blazer with help from a volunteer in North York. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SYRIAN CRISIS

Refugees greeted by flood of donations

For Syrian refugee Sinjar Kurde, there aren't words to describe his feelings.

Also awaiting 500 other new arrivals — 100 of them literally fresh off the bus from Pearson International Airport — the welcome at the Toronto Plaza Hotel included a warm winter coat, a selection of clothing and a bag of toys for each child.

"Thank you is not enough, but thank you. I wasn't expecting this much of a welcome. It gives me hope. I'm starting to feel that I can build a future again," said Kurde, through a translator. He arrived in Canada on Dec. 28 with his wife and children after languishing for years in Jordan.

The event, organized by a volunteer group called The Clothing Drive, was yet another example of how Canadians have opened their hearts to the new arrivals.

"The generosity of the people in the GTA has been overwhelming, absolutely overwhelming," said group spokeswoman Anne Wright-Howard.

The group was founded in November by Toronto resident Laura-Jean Bernhardson and started with a simple Facebook page.

> **"You've got to do the simple stuff as a human being to help.**
>
> Yousef Alsadi, volunteer

The outpouring of donations soon became a flood. The space volunteered by Clay & Paper Theatre quickly became too full. The business owners of a soon-to-be-demolished retail strip offered first one property and then an adjacent one.

"We had to put out an announcement on Facebook that we can't accept any more because we had too much," Wright-Howard said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Growing up with Stalin: Letters give glimpse into daughter's life

HISTORY

Collection will be available to public at U of T library

Luke Simcoe
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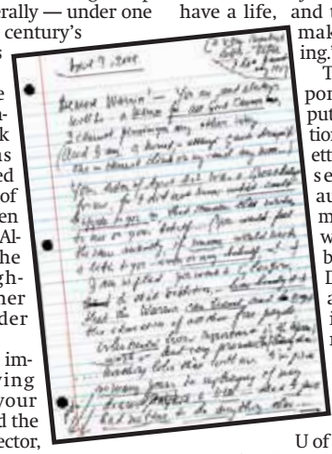
A new collection arriving at the University of Toronto library reveals what it was like to grow up — quite literally — under one of the 20th century's most famous dictators.



The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library has just acquired a collection of letters written by Svetlana Alliluyeva, the only daughter of former Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

"Can you imagine having Stalin as your father?" said the library's director, Anne Dondertman. "She had an amazing and difficult life. Her mother committed suicide when she was young, members of her family were disappeared, her first lover was sent to Siberia, and the list just goes on."

Written towards the end of Alliluyeva's life, the letters were sent to British artist Mary Burkett. The two women initially discussed art, but quickly developed a deeper friendship.

"She seemed to feel a bond with Mary from the start and she told her quite a bit about her personal life and what it was like growing up with her father," Dondertman said.

Dondertman told Metro she was particularly touched by Alliluyeva's account of trying to get out from under the shadow of Stalin — even after her defection to the United States in 1967.

"She had a lot to deal with in her life and she never really found peace," she said. "But she tried very hard to still have a life, and that's what makes it moving."

The correspondence was put up for auction after Burkett's death, and secured by author Rosemary Sullivan, whose recent book, Stalin's Daughter, is a vivid and intensely researched account of Alliluyeva's life.

A former U of T professor, some of Sullivan's literary notes are also part of the library's special collections.

Alliluyeva's letters are still being processed, but will soon be available at the library for students, researchers and the general public.

"There's an immediate relationship with history when you can touch something real," Dondertman said. "These are letters that she wrote with her own hands."

Above: The library has just acquired a collection of letters sent by Josef Stalin's daughter to British artist Mary Burkett. Inset: In her later correspondence, Svetlana Alliluyeva often refers to Burkett as her "dearest warrior." COURTESY THOMAS FISHER RARE BOOK LIBRARY; INSET: LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

> "It makes it real when you can see her handwriting."
> Anne Dondertman

THOMAS FISHER RARE BOOK LIBRARY

The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library is home to nearly 11,000 metres-worth of archival material, said director Anne Dondertman. Here are just a few examples of what else you can find there:

- Margaret Atwood's literary papers, including drafts and page proofs of the celebrated author's book and poetry.
- Correspondence and manuscripts from Charles Darwin.
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Weeding out tacky strains

MARIJUANA

Producers aim to label pot in a professional, helpful manner

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Bubbling quietly like each toke from a water bong, there's a new war brewing in the world of pot.

This one's not about where you can buy it, who's standing behind the counter or who's doling out prescription. It's about what to call the actual products lining the shelves.

For some producers, there's no place in the industry for names like Green Crack, AK-47 or, for that matter, Rob Ford Kush.

"We're starting to see a delineation between the recreational use and medical use of marijuana. And when we look at something we want to use as a medicine, we expect there to be a certain amount of professionalism and discipline surrounding those drugs," said Brent Zettl, the CEO of CanniMed, a licensed medical marijuana producer in Saskatchewan.

CanniMed's catalogue doesn't contain reference to toking politicians or terms like haze. Instead, their products are named for numbers that denote the concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) in each strain.

For example, their most potent product is called 22-1.

"If patients are going to utilize the material and doctors are going to prescribe it they have to know what's in it," Zettl said. "Our goal is to demystify the components so that people can use it as a true medicine."

At Tweed, an Ontario-based marijuana producer, common names for different strains have been rebranded to fit the company's fabric-inspired image. So, what might be called AK-47 on the street is dubbed Herringbone.

"We're first and foremost a medical marijuana producing company," said Tweed's communication manager, Jordan Sinclair, who noted many recreational names for marijuana strains don't exactly conjure up images from the doctor's office.

Nathaniel Morris, a former marijuana grower in California's Humboldt County — what he referred to as "the Silicon Valley of weed" — said new strains of marijuana are typically named for their lineage.

"If you take the Trainwreck varietal and cross it with a hash plant, you'd call it something like Hashwreck," he said. "But for the recreational market, it's all fun and games and it doesn't matter if someone wants to call their stuff Rob Ford Kush."

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Ontario marijuana producer Tweed is rebranding strain names to make them more suitable for medical consumption. So, Super Silver Haze, left, is now called Leonidas, while Hindu Kush, above, has been renamed Bakerstreet. CONTRIBUTED

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Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"Coming out for me was intensely difficult. You never know what, how, when or where. The only thing you're very certain of is the reason why you want to come out, which is to be truly happy. The only advice I have for others is this: It will not be an easy journey, but there will always be sunshine after the rain. Everything happens for a reason and in the right moment.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

ANIMALS

Teaching water safety gets nutty

Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

He's a jet-setter, a movie star, an athlete and an educator — and he can sit comfortably in the palm of your hand.

Twiggy the waterskiing squirrel is on deck in Toronto this week for the International Boat Show. He'll be strutting his stuff on the water — and teaching kids about boat safety — every day at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The legacy of Twiggy began 37 years ago in Florida when Lou Ann Best's husband Chuck bought their daughter a small remote control boat as a gift. On a whim, Chuck decided to teach the family's pet squirrel to waterski behind the little boat.

When the media caught wind of the nutty narrative, there was no turning back.

"It was all really quick," said Best, who has seen eight generations of Twiggys build a resumé that includes competing on America's Got Talent, appearing on David Letterman and scoring a cameo in Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.

After Chuck passed away tragically while trying to save his stepfather from drowning, Best decided to weave the topic of water safety into their popular presentation.

"I always felt like the Lord put this crazy idea into my husband's head," she said. "He knew he would pass away and he knew I would carry on and promote water safety. There's somebody out there that we're supposed to reach. I believe that's my purpose."

Having raised eight grey squirrels, all orphans rescued from situations such as storms and animal attacks, Best has some go-to advice for those hoping to train their own backyard buddy.

"I tell everybody it's like training a husband — you give them lots of love and affection and tell him the same thing over and over."

Twiggy the world famous waterskiing squirrel rides the waves at the Toronto International Boat Show on Sunday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

IN BRIEF

Corrections workers reach deal, can't strike

Ontario's correctional workers have given up their right to strike in the latest round of contract negotiations with the government.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the government reached an agreement early Saturday morning after a meeting with a mediator.

As part of the negotiations, the union says corrections workers have been declared an "essential service," meaning they will no longer have the right to strike, and future bargaining disputes will be determined by binding arbitration.

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Stabbing hospitalizes man

Toronto police say a man was taken to hospital after being stabbed in the back in the city's downtown core Sunday afternoon.

Officers responded to the scene just before 1 p.m.

Police said the man was in serious condition but his life is not in danger.

They say a person of interest has been identified.

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Pedestrian badly injured

Peel Regional Police said an elderly woman was in life-threatening condition after being struck by a vehicle in Mississauga early Saturday evening.

The woman, believed to be in her 70s, was crossing the street at the intersection of Dixie Road and Rathburn Road East just after 5 p.m. when she was struck, police said.

Peel paramedics said the woman suffered injuries to her head and was transported to a Toronto trauma centre via ambulance. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New Hope in the works for men who need shelter

LESLIEVILLE

Salvation Army seeks to create 80-bed facility in east end

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's Leslieville neighbourhood could soon be home to the homeless.

The Salvation Army announced over the weekend that "after an extensive search" it is close to re-opening its Hope men's shelter at a new location near Queen and Leslie streets.

The new shelter would replace the one the charity operated at College and McCaul streets for 40 years. They were forced to shutter that shelter in April, after their lease ended.

According to the charity's announcement, the new shelter would be smaller, with a proposed 80 beds for homeless men. The previous location had 124 beds.

This property at 29 Leslie St. still must be approved by council. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

But services are expected to remain the same, with three meals a day, counseling, referrals and housing placements.

Should the Salvation Army secure the property, it would certainly be timely. Nightly shelter occupancy in Toronto has increased by nearly 11 per cent in the last four years, and many local shelters are operating at above capacity.

A city report on the shelter is expected on Jan. 27, before the matter is presented to council for approval. In the interim, the Salvation Army has hired an independent facilitator to consult with community members.

"We want our shelter to contribute to the well-being of both our clients and the neighbourhood," the charity said.

NEED TO KNOW

Welcome news for city, says councillor

Ward 32 Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon welcomed news of the shelter, saying it responds to the growing need for such beds in the city.

"Our community has a reputation of being accepting and welcoming to all," she said as part of a lengthy statement on Facebook.

McMahon said she hopes residents will treat the shelter as generously as they have treated newly arrived Syrian refugees. METRO

Learn more about new shelter at open house

An open house for more information on the shelter will be held Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Toronto Fire and EMS Training Centre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The training centre is at 30 Knox Ave.

LGBTQ youth transitional housing about to open

Toronto is set to open its first exclusively LGBTQ2SA youth transitional housing program.

Next month, the YMCA Sprott House on Walmer Road in the Annex will begin housing 25 LGBTQ youth facing homelessness. During the one-year stay, tenants aged 16 to 25 will have access to counselling to boost their self-esteem and prepare them for life on their own.

The Sprott House has been serving as transitional housing for youth in general, but advocates had been calling for an LGBTQ-specific program for a long time, said the centre's director, Kate Miller.

"LGBTQ youth experience homelessness at a higher rate than any other group," she said, noting a city report showed 20 per cent of youth in the shelter system identify as LGBTQ2SA — more than twice the rate for all other age groups.

About 2,000 youth are homeless on a given night in Toronto, and 76 per cent of them report some form of victimization, according to city research.

It can get even worse for the LGBTQ homeless youth.

"The reality is that LGBTQ youth experience violence, homophobia and transphobia," said The 519's executive director, Maura Lawless. "Many have been beaten up, and many feel unsafe and often choose not to go to shelters as a result."

Having a dedicated centre will help create more safety and eliminate barriers for LGBTQ youth, she said.

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Maura Lawless, executive director of The 519. CONTRIBUTED

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US AIRWAYS

One police report led to suspension from work

Ayaan Farah has no criminal record. For eight years, she was a customer service agent for US Airways at Pearson airport with the highest security clearance, undergoing background checks in 2006 and 2012.

And then a brief and vague police report — possibly based on information obtained through carding — got her clearance revoked. On Jan. 9, 2014, Transport Canada received two pieces of information from Toronto police, via the RCMP: Farah, 31, was seen once in 2011 with a Dixon Crew gang member who “admitted at the time being a very close associate to (Farah).”

And in September 2012, a car registered to her was seen leaving the funeral of a gang member. Farah was not in the car, but two people with criminal records were. Farah told Transport Canada that she did not know who these people could be — none are named — and that she recalled no interaction with police and the gang member identified only as Subject A. It was likely her father driving the car to the funeral, she said, as he attends many funerals as a leader in the Somali community.

Farah’s clearance was placed under review for nine months and then restored in full in October 2014. It was revoked two months later. She has been suspended without pay since.

On Monday, Farah is challenging the decision in Federal Court, arguing that she was not given a fair chance to defend herself and that her Charter rights were violated because her associations were scrutinized with no reasonable grounds.

“I don’t have a criminal record, I’ve never committed a crime,” Farah said in an interview. She grew up in the Dixon Road area and Rexdale — both areas with serious crime problems — and volunteers as a community youth worker. “How do you know if someone has a criminal record? ... Can you remember who you said ‘hi’ to in 2011?”

She has been denied further information about the incidents due to privacy laws — she does not know who the subjects are, the exact dates the incidents occurred or where, or how the information was obtained.

The police report states they had a “direct interaction” with Farah and Subject A, who has been convicted of several charges, including drug trafficking and is involved in firearms trafficking. The report notes the current status of their association is not known and the exact nature of the association is never specified. Transport Canada’s director-general of aviation security found it unlikely Farah would not recall an interaction with police and, due to her “close association” with Subject A, “either knew or was wilfully blind to Subject A’s activities.”

Farah’s association with three individuals with criminal records (including the two found leaving the gang member’s funeral) raised “concerns about judgment, reliability and trustworthiness,” the decision states, concluding Farah may be induced to commit or help in an act that would impede civil aviation.

At Monday’s hearing, Farah’s lawyer Mitchell Worsoff says he will argue that Farah’s Charter right to “life, liberty and security” has been violated.

“What is happening here is a very dangerous thing,” Worsoff said in an interview.

Transport Canada could not comment on the case as it is before the courts, a spokesperson said. Farah believes that the information given to Transport Canada was obtained through carding. While she has no recollection of being carded, her father did give his name and the car’s registration details to police once when leaving a funeral, according to an affidavit he filed with the court.

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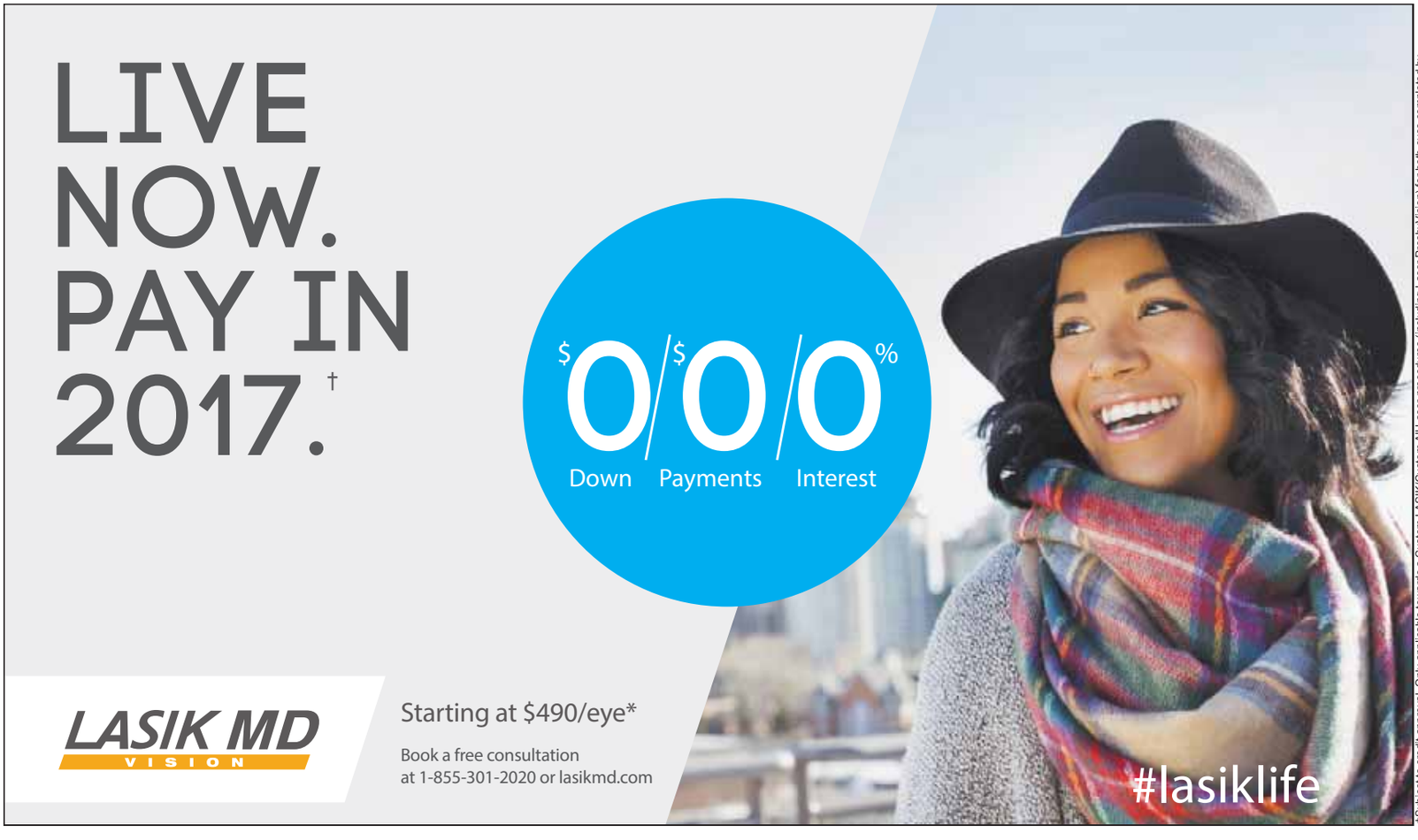
> “How do you know if someone has a criminal record? . . . Can you remember who you said ‘hi’ to in 2011?” Ayaan Farah

Ayaan Farah is challenging a decision that stops her from working at Pearson airport. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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Flames from a wildfire near Oliver, B.C., in August last year.
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An air tanker drops fire retardant on a hillside in West Kelowna, B.C. in July.
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A crew battles a blaze in the La Ronge area on northern Saskatchewan in July.
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PARKS

Wildfires drain reserves

Wildfires scorched a record amount of Canada's national parks last year — the latest in a number of long, hot summers that have almost entirely depleted Parks Canada's firefighting reserve.

"We had a very busy fire year," said director of fire management Jeff Weir. "We had more wildfires than normal and those fires burned larger areas than normal."

The agency's annual fire report recorded 122 wildfires in 2015 that burned through 4,600 square kilometres — seven times the area of the city of Toronto. The yearly average is 82, and, in 2014, the amount of park land burned in non-prescribed fires was 3,000 square kilometres.

$14 million

The cost of services last summer. Parks Canada reserves about $8 million a year to fight fires.

Most of the damage in 2015 occurred in a single park. Fire licked through 3,700 square kilometres of Wood Buffalo on the boundary between Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Parks Canada reserves about $8 million a year to fight fires. Any money not spent is rolled into a reserve to be used in busy seasons.

Lightning strikes on tinder-dry forests made 2015 the third big fire year in a row. Firefighting cost $14 million last summer and the reserve is pretty much depleted, Weir said.

If it becomes necessary, the money would probably come from funds earmarked for other ecological restoration projects, Weir suggested.

Climate scientists have predicted that busier fire seasons will be one consequence of global warming, Weir said.

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Attack on refugees 'isn't who we are'

VANCOUVER

PM, others slam pepper-spraying of new arrivals

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was one of many Canadian public figures who denounced a pepper-spray attack on Syrian refugees in Vancouver at the weekend.

The police called it a "hate-motivated crime," and Canadians joined in condemning the attack. It happened as about 100 people — including several newly arrived refugees — congregated outside Vancouver's Muslim Association of Canada Centre after a welcome ceremony on Friday night.

Vancouver Police Department Chief Adam Palmer said an unidentified male person riding by on a bicycle approached the group and pepper-sprayed them. Fifteen people were treated for exposure to pepper spray.

"It's a very troubling situation and the actions of one man have shed a negative light on a lot of the positive work that has been done to welcome the Syrian refugees into our communities," Palmer said, adding that police were looking for the man.

> **Canadian people would not do this, the majority of them.**
> Tima Kurdi

"I condemn the attack on Syrian refugees in Vancouver," Trudeau wrote on Twitter.

A high-profile member of Canada's Syrian community said the pepper spraying was likely a one-off event and doesn't reflect how the majority of Canadians view the newly arrived migrants.

Tima Kurdi — the aunt of three-year-old Alan Kurdi, who drowned while fleeing civil strife in Syria — says the support Canadians have shown to refugees is "unbelievable" and they shouldn't be blamed for Friday night's incident.

"To be honest, Canadian people would not do this, the majority of them," Kurdi said. "They are big supporters to the refugees."

Canada's Immigration Minister John McCallum described it as an "isolated incident" that won't tarnish the country's migrant-friendly reputation.

"This isn't who we are — and doesn't reflect the warm welcome Canadians have offered."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the incident "was a disgusting display of hate — and Vancouver won't stand for it."

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IN BRIEF

Watchdog aims to curb discrimination

With thousands more Syrian refugees due to arrive in the next few weeks, Ontario's human rights watchdog is teaming up with other groups to curb discrimination against the new arrivals as they search for homes and jobs. The province's human rights code prohibits discrimination or harassment based on 17 different personal characteristics such as religion, race, sex, and gender.

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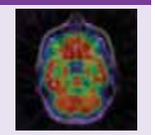

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Trump levels jabs at Cruz

REPUBLICAN RACE

Contests rival on basis of his Canadian birth

Businessman Donald Trump taunted fellow Republican candidate, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, over his eligibility to be president and professed bafflement that he's not beating him in Iowa polls, as a delicate detente between the two became ever more frayed.

The race is intensifying with just over three weeks remaining before the Feb. 1 Iowa caucuses lead off the state-by-state nominating contests. Trump leads Cruz by double digits in national polls, but the Texas senator leads in some Iowa polls, which could give him a boost heading into the Feb. 9 New Hampshire primary.

With Trump in Iowa for the first time in the new year, Iowans were seeing a sharp contrast between the grinding Iowa campaign of Cruz — whose five stops Saturday completed a six-day, 28-event bus tour — and the splashy mega-rallies that have become as much Trump's brand as his gilded hotels. Both have attracted overflow crowds: Trump at halls and stadiums; Cruz in coffee shops, convenience stores, churches and diners.

Cruz, who has long maintained there is no issue with his Canadian birth since his mother was a U.S. citizen, repeated Saturday that "the laws and facts are quite straightforward." The Constitution says only a "natural born citizen" may be president.

Legal scholars generally agree the description covers foreign-born children of U.S. parents. Cruz renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2014.

"You can't have a person running for office, even though Ted is very glib and he goes out and he says, 'Oh, well, I'm a natural born citizen.' The point is, you're not," Trump said during a rally Saturday in Clear Lake, Iowa.

"I mean, you've got to get a declaratory judgment, you have to have the courts come up with a ruling or you have a candidate who just cannot run because the other side will immediately bring suit and you've got that cloud on your head."

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Donald Trump flashes thumbs up after an address to a group of supporters at a campaign stop in Burlington, Vt., last week. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMIC RELATIONS

GOP rally boots silent protester

An advocacy group is seeking an apology from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump after a Muslim woman standing in silent protest at one of his rallies was heckled and escorted out.

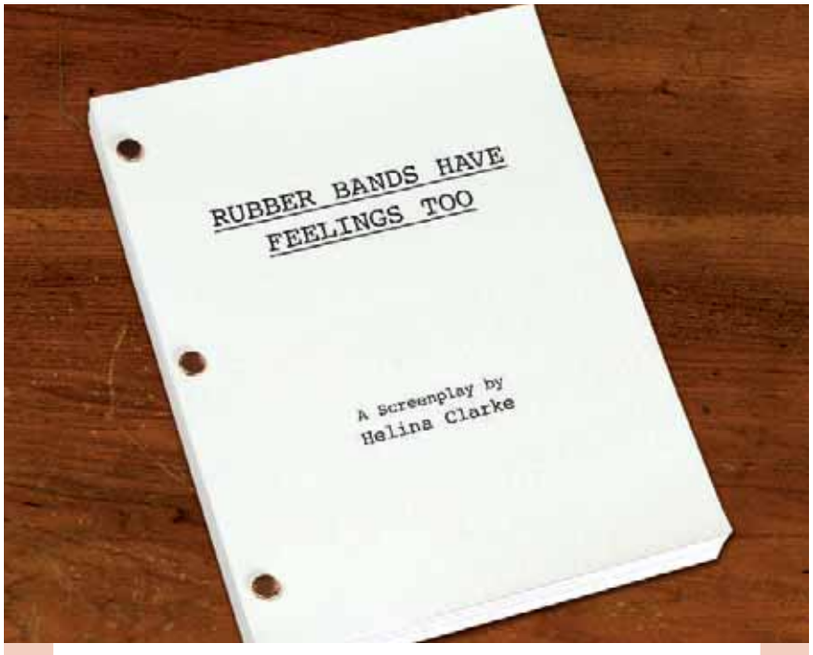
The Council on American-Islamic Relations issued the call for an apology after Rose Hamid was thrown out of the Trump rally at Winthrop University in South Carolina in Charlotte, N.C., on Friday.

Hamid said she was standing up in protest to a Trump statement when members of the audience pointed her out by chanting "Trump, Trump, Trump."

CAIR's national executive director Nihad Awad, also called on Trump to meet with American Muslim leaders.

Hamid said Saturday afternoon she hadn't received any response.

"I would like to hear what Trump has to say about it," she said. "I'd like to hear because if they say that it was because we were disrupting things, then I would like him to show evidence of where the disruption came, because the disruption didn't come from me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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PARIS 2015

France honours attack victims

France's President Francois Hollande and other dignitaries held a special ceremony Sunday to honour all those killed in Islamic extremist violence around Paris in 2015 — a year when the European way of life was targeted time and again with deadly consequences.

At least one attacker is at large, and France's top security official acknowledged Sunday that authorities don't know his whereabouts. The country is under a state of emergency after attacks in Paris on Nov. 13.

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Number of people killed in attack on Charlie Hebdo offices.

Paris was again jolted Thursday when a man wearing a fake explosives vest and wielding a butcher's knife ran up to a police station and was shot to death by officers standing guard.

Hollande and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo unveiled a plaque Sunday in memory of victims targeted at satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, a kosher market, a rock concert, cafes, a stadium and elsewhere. The violence left some 150 victims dead, and several attackers were also killed.

The ceremony took place at Place de la Republique, a plaza that has become a symbol of Parisians' solidarity since the attacks, which began Jan. 7, 2015 with the Charlie Hebdo attack.

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COMPASSION

Walls of Kindness unify Iran

As a brutal winter set in across Iran, anonymous philanthropists throughout the country painted "Walls of Kindness" and installed rows of hooks, inviting passers-by to leave warm clothes if they could spare them or take clothes if they need them.

The unique variation on the take-a-penny, leave-a-penny jar provides winter clothes to the homeless while sparing them the shame that can come from having to beg for help. Pictures of the brightly painted walls have been circulated on social media, helping to spread the initiative.

Dozens of walls have popped up across Iran, and at least one philanthropist has taken things a step further, setting up a refrigerator outdoors and inviting people to leave or take food.

"This signifies compassion toward one another," Mehrangiz Tavassoli said after hanging a wool sweater on a wall in central Tehran. "In the past, I did not know what to do with donations. Now, those who need can take what they want."

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Youths check clothes hung next to a subway station entrance in central Tehran. VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GERMANY

Cologne attacks must be investigated: Minister

German authorities need to quickly determine whether a string of New Year's Eve sexual assaults and robberies in Cologne blamed largely on foreigners may be linked to similar offences in other cities, the justice minister said in comments published Sunday.

Authorities and witnesses say the attackers were among about 1,000 people, mostly men, gathered at Cologne's central train station, some of whom broke off into small groups that groped and robbed women.

"If such a horde gathers in order to commit crimes, that appears in some form to be planned," Justice Minister Heiko Maas told the newspaper Bild.

"Nobody can tell me that this was not co-ordinated or prepared."

The attacks are still being investigated, but police have said their focus is on suspects of primarily North African origin, which has put pressure on Chancellor Angela Merkel's government and its open-door policy to asylum seekers. Nearly 1.1 million migrants arrived in Germany in 2015 alone.

She announced a proposal Saturday that would make it easier to deport migrants who commit crimes, which still needs parliamentary approval.

Cologne police said Sunday that 516 criminal complaints had now been filed with them in connection to the New Year's attacks, about 40 per cent of which involve allegations of sexual offences.

> **Nobody can tell me that this was not co-ordinated.**
> Heiko Maas

They also announced that on Saturday night they arrested a 19-year-old Moroccan man on allegations he stole a 23-year-old woman's cellphone on New Year's, and had identified 19 other suspects by name. Police said the Moroccan, who they said has been involved in various crimes since 2013, isn't accused of a sexual offence but the investigation is ongoing.

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Police use pepper spray to control protesters of the New Year's Eve sex attacks on Saturday in Cologne, Germany.
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A woman reads La Jornada newspaper in Mexico City on Sunday which shows a picture of drug lord Joaquin Guzman, aka "El Chapo," right, shaking hands with actor Sean Penn. **Authorities hope to question Penn about his interview.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Penn interview left trail to drug lord

MEXICO

Authorities raided hideout days after chat

Mexican officials say Sean Penn's contacts with drug lord Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman helped them track the fugitive down — even if he slipped away from an initial raid on the hideout where the actor met him.

Penn's article on Guzman was published late Saturday by Rolling Stone magazine, a day after Mexican marines captured the world's most wanted kingpin in a raid on the city of Los Mochis near the Gulf of California.

Penn wrote of elaborate security precautions, but also said that as he flew to Mexico on Oct. 2 for the meeting: "I see no spying eyes, but I assume they are there." He was apparently right.

A Mexican federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Penn interview led authorities to Guzman in the area of Tamazula, a rural part of Durango state.

They raided Guzman's remote hideout a few days after the interview and narrowly missed capturing Guzman, whose July escape from Mexico's top security prison — through a 1.5-kilometre tunnel — had embarrassed President Enrique Pena Nieto and made his capture a national priority.

Describing the capture, Attorney General Arely Gomez said that investigators had been aided in locating Guzman by documented contacts between his lawyers and "actors and producers" interested in making a film about him. Two months after that close call, marines finally caught him in a residential neighbourhood of Los Mochis, where they'd been monitoring a suspected safe house.

Penn wrote that Guzman was interested in having a movie filmed on his life and wanted Mexican actress Kate del Castillo, who had portrayed a drug trafficker in a television series, involved in the project.

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CRITICISM

GETTY IMAGES

Sean Penn's interview with Guzman has prompted criticism throughout the U.S. and led some social media satirists to wonder whether the actor will hold other interviews with leaders of terror organizations, such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and al-Qaida.

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MIDDLE EAST

Afghan forces thinned out by 'ghost' soldiers

Afghan forces are struggling to man the front lines against a resurgent Taliban, in part because of untold numbers of "ghost" troops who are paid salaries but only exist on paper.

The nationwide problem has been particularly severe in the southern Helmand province, where the Taliban have seized vast tracts of territory in the 12 months since the U.S. and NATO formally ended their combat mission and switched to training and support.

"At checkpoints where 20 soldiers should be present, there are only eight or 10," said Karim Atal, head of Helmand's provincial council. "It's because some people are getting paid a salary but not doing the job because they are related to someone important, like a local warlord."

In some cases, the "ghost" designation is more literal — dead soldiers and police remain on the books, with senior police or army officials pocketing their salaries without replacing them, Atal said.

He estimates that some 40 per cent of registered forces don't exist, and says the lack of manpower has helped the Taliban seize 65 per cent of the province — Afghanistan's largest — and threaten the provincial capital, Lashkar Gah. Those men who do serve face even greater danger because of the no-shows. In the last three months alone, some 700 police officers have been killed and 500 wounded, he said.

40%

It's estimated that **40 per cent of registered Afghani soldiers don't exist.**

The Defence Ministry declined to comment on ghost security forces. Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi acknowledged the problem and said an investigation has been launched, the results of which should be made public in about a month.

"No one knows the exact numbers of the Afghan National Defence Forces," an Afghan official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media on the topic. He said the best internal estimates put the number at around 120,000, less than a third of what's needed to secure the country.

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Long hours don't kill relationships

STUDY

Dual-career couples make extra effort after work

It's a common belief that working longer hours can only cause problems in your relationship. However new research has shown that there is no link with an unhappy relationship, and in fact even the opposite might be true.

A team of researchers studied 285 couples in which both partners were pursuing their careers to look at a possible negative effect of long working hours on their relationships.

The majority of the participants worked as academics at a university, with the remaining participants working in academic professions such as teaching or law or in managerial or technical positions such as IT consultant or engineer.

"Conventional wisdom and research seem to suggest that partners in dual-career couples have to decide whether they would rather risk their careers or their romantic relationship. …Our research questions the assumption that working longer hours is hazardous for all romantic relationship. "

To answer their questions the researchers looked at the hours participants worked, their satisfaction with their relationship, and their level of self-disclosure in their relationship, which measured their ability to express a need, wish, or want to their partner.

Participants answered three online questionnaires in total, answering two questionnaires to start and then the third six months later.

Instead of finding that working longer hours had a negative effect on a couple's relationship, the team found that couples actually made extra effort with each other after work to make up for time lost with their partners through working long hours, leading the researchers to suggest that longer working hours could in some cases even be beneficial for a relationship. AFP

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A trader works at the New York Stock Exchange last week as stocks opened lower on signs of belligerence in North Korea and weakening of China's economy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCK MARKETS

Investors brace for second rocky week

Tumult in China triggered the worst opening week for U.S. stocks in history, and this week investors could get plenty more to worry about.

Earnings for companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index are forecast to drop for the second straight quarter, a rare occurrence outside a recession. Despite a rebounding jobs market, the U.S. did not grow fast enough to boost profits, and once surging developing economies that helped lift foreign sales slowed dramatically.

All this would be worrisome enough at any time, but investors are particularly jittery now. U.S. stocks are expensive by some measures, even after slipping in 2015 and falling sharply in the first week of the year. That leaves little room for more disappointing news.

One widely respected gauge, the so-called Shiller earnings ratio, is flashing warning signs. Named after Nobel Prize winner Robert Shiller of Yale, the ratio compares the price of stocks to annual earnings averaged over 10 years. The measure is now 25, much higher — meaning more expensive — than the long-term average of 18.

"When expectations are as high as they are, that's a problem," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of BMO Private Bank.

Companies begin reporting their results for the October-December quarter on Monday. Earnings per share for the companies in S&P 500 is expected to have dropped 5.5 per cent compared to a year earlier, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm. Revenues are forecast to fall for a fourth quarter in row.

This wasn't supposed to happen. A year ago financial analysts said earnings for the October-December quarter would jump 12 per cent, and urged investors to buy accordingly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jack Ablin

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD **ROSIE ON ROSIE**

The CBC announced Rosemary Barton's appointment as the official new host of Power & Politics last week, which should come as no surprise to anyone who witnessed her famous dressing-down of former Immigration Minister Chris Alexander.

Forceful, yet affable. Sharp, but not cutting. Rosemary Barton holds court nightly with politicians from across the country as the official new host of Power & Politics.

The CBC announced the appointment last week, which should come as no surprise to anyone who witnessed her famous dressing-down of Chris Alexander over the Syrian refugee crisis in September. Or perhaps to anyone who's watched her captain the show since.

Her appointment lends stability to a program thrown into disarray after former host Evan Solomon's public downfall over revelations he took a cut from art deals with some of the show's guests. And it puts her in the position of earning the public's trust when many high-profile journalists are viewed with skepticism for cosying up too closely to the powerful people they're meant to scrutinize.

"You have some sort of relationship with them," Barton tells me over Skype from the CBC's Ottawa bureau. "You have to keep that relationship, it has to be respectful, but at the same time you have to go toe-to-toe with them, because otherwise you're not going to get the answers you need."

Throughout our conversation, Barton is friendly, chatty, quick to laugh. On-air, though, she aims to be tough. "There is an understanding that we all have jobs to do. You can be frustrated or angry or mad at someone if they're being too tough on you one day, but that is how democracy works. I've had people pout after an interview, but I've never had anyone say, 'Well I'm never coming back on the show because it was too hard.'"

You can be frustrated or angry or mad at someone if they're being too tough on you one day, but that is how democracy works.
Rosemary Barton

HONEYMOON'S OVER The CBC's Rosemary Barton told Rosemary Westwood that her tough questions are upsetting people who want to see Trudeau succeed. CONTRIBUTED

Born in Winnipeg in 1976, Barton didn't grow up with dreams of political reporting. A professor put her up for a job as a chase producer for a program on ICI RDI, the CBC's French news network, while she was studying French literature at College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface. That led to a master's degree in journalism from Carleton, by which point she was hooked on TV reporting.

"I like the power of TV, and I know it's potentially waning for all sorts of reasons, but it's immediate. It's the, you know, news is breaking, and you run in front of a camera and tell the story."

She found a pivotal political training ground as a reporter for the CBC at the National Assembly in Quebec City, at a time of high tension over sovereignty issues.

"I not only fell in love with politics, but I also felt in love with that kind of reporting," she says. "Because I was a young woman, working in her second language (French), having to try and get English clips from people, I had to be pretty aggressive. People working at the National Assembly are some of the top political reporters in the country. You had to be really ballsy, for lack of a better word, and I learned a lot."

Barton moved to Ottawa, and by the time crisis hit Power & Politics, she was the regular Friday host and fill-in for Solomon. In June, after he was fired, Barton took over as interim host. In August, Stephen Harper called the federal election. Bemoaned by some for its record length, the campaign proved crucial for Barton's chops as host.

"Both the length of the campaign and the intensity of that campaign helped me get better, for sure. If it had been a 30-day campaign, I'm not sure I would have been able to get where I needed to go."

She cites Peter Mansbrige among the reporters she admires. From Don Newman, former Power & Politics host, she learned the art of being a gentleman "while being difficult." From Susan Bonner, a mentor figure who filled in for Newman, she found support as a woman in politics.

Amid the extended honeymoon for Trudeau's Liberals, Barton — an admittedly deep cynic — now finds herself in the odd position of getting flak from the audience for being too hard on the government.

"The amount of ripping I get on Twitter when I say to John McCallum, 'Hey, you broke your promise on the refugees, huh?' (They're) not welcome, those questions, from lot of Canadians who want to see this government succeed, and who are all about the sunny ways."

A pause.

"I don't really care," she says with a short laugh. "At some point over the next four years, a promise will be bent or broken and the government will disappoint people, and it's important people know that they say one thing and they're doing something else."

Most especially, she foresees trouble with the Liberals' budget promises.

I tell her I want to end on a topic close to my heart: whether she goes by Rosie or Rosemary (her Twitter handle says one thing, her bio another and on-air, guests and colleagues call her both). As it turns out, either one is fine.

"To my friends I'm Rosie, and I guess I have a lot of friends now," she says.

Forget the forest, it's the price of trees that concerns city hall

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

In one of my favourite episodes of The Simpsons, Homer gets recruited to work for the Globex Corporation, a company run by erstwhile Bond villain Hank Scorpio.

In-over-his-head Homer, having being given a supervisory position, has to figure out how to manage his team of employees.

"Um, are you guys working?" he asks. His employees tell him they are.

"Can you … work any harder?" he asks. His employees tell him they will.

Homer is satisfied. In his mind, this is management.

That scene played in my head last week as members of Toronto city hall's budget committee sat for three days of deliberations. The meetings saw a succession of representatives from city departments paraded before the committee to answer questions about their 2016 budget requests.

Most of the questions, paraphrased, went something like this: "Um, have you guys found any budget savings?"

Then the follow-up: "Could you … find any more budget savings?"

Some committee members had a laser focus on small line items.

Budget chief Gary Crawford asked about the shelter division's need for $70,000 to send staff members to conferences. Coun. Justin Di Ciano wondered if the parks department had "sharpened their pencils" to find enough savings. There was even concern that the TTC's reported savings didn't count because the brunt of them come from lower fuel costs.

The obsessive focus on wrangling tiny savings from small budget lines might have been funny if it didn't take focus away from the real budget problem staring councillors straight in the face: The residential property tax increase leaves the budget with a $23 million gap. There are a further $67-million in services endorsed by council that aren't funded.

If politicians don't figure out how to pay for this stuff, the consequences will be serious. Recommendations to fix Toronto Community Housing won't be implemented, TTC bus service won't start on Sundays in time to support the earlier subway opening and drop-in centres that are keeping homeless people warm this winter will be shuttered next year. And that's just the top of a long list.

It's still early days in this budget process, but I'm concerned that too many councillors can't see the forest because they're worried about the cost of the trees. There's little appetite so far for a real conversation about the whole budget — both the revenue and expense sides. With so much at stake, that won't do. The budget committee may think they've been working hard, but I'm going to have to ask them to work even harder.

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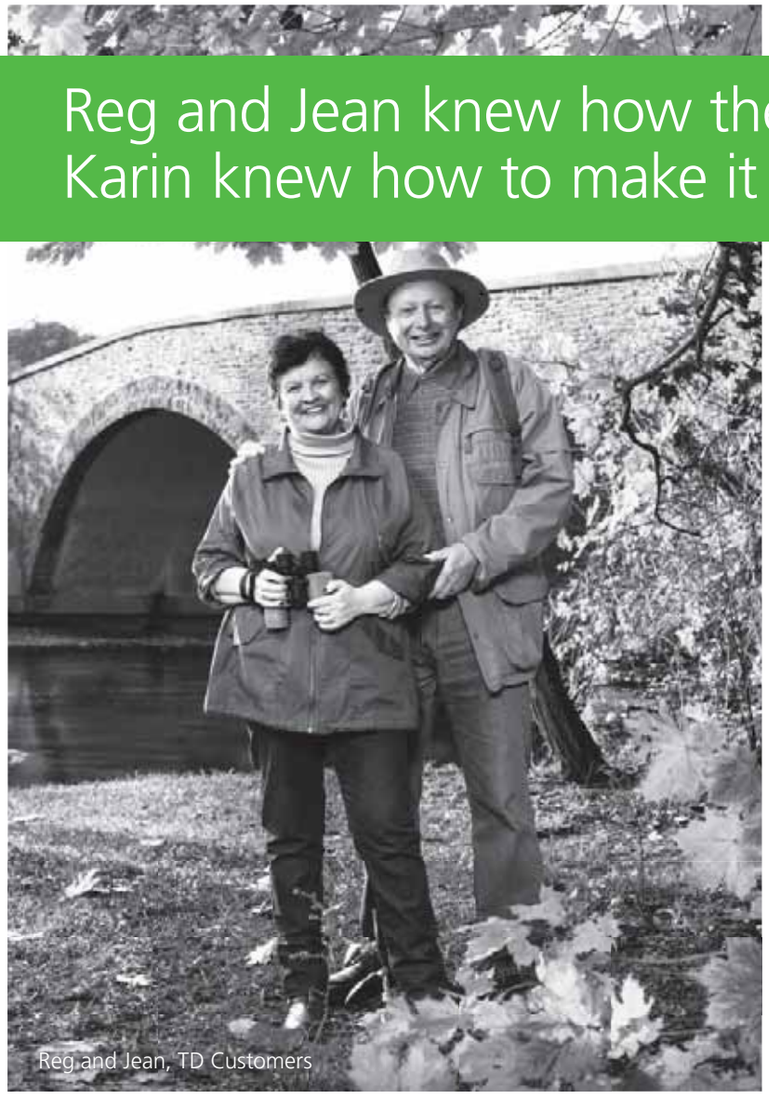

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How much, how often?
You can make contributions as often as you like.

"The simplest way in terms of budget is to make regular contributions and sync it to your payroll deposits so you can make automated payments to your RSP," says Alan Cameron, investment advisor for Investment Planning Counsel. For freelancers or others who don't get a regular paycheque, make contributions throughout the year as funds permit.

"The big benefit of doing this versus racing to make a lump-sum payment at the end of the RSP season is that you can benefit from additional months of growth on your investment because your money has been working for you longer," he says.

How much you contribute is also up to you, though there are limits — you can see exactly what your maximum allowable contribution is by looking at the bottom of your notice of assessment.

"In any given year, the amount of RSP deduction room you're granted is based on your previous year's income, times 18 per cent, minus pension adjustments — anything that went into pensions on your behalf by your employer," explains Cameron. "Also added to this are any unused contribution allowances going back to 1991."

The interesting thing about investing in January and February (during the first 60 days of the new year) is that you can use those contributions toward either the previous or the current year.

"For those who want to make a contribution by the deadline, it can be the difference between owing money and getting a refund," Cameron says. "But you also have the option to use it against the coming year."

How can you maximize your tax savings?
Take advantage of a spousal RSP.

"The spouse who makes the contribution — presumably the higher-earning spouse — gets the tax deduction," says Ron Dale, partner at Bongard Dale Fried Chartered Accountants. "And if the money stays in the RSP for at least three years from the date of the last contribution, the income stays with the lower-income spouse to be taxed at a lower rate when it's withdrawn."

How long should you be contributing?
Once you turn 18, you can contribute to your RSP until Dec. 31 of the year you turn 71. At some point before the end of that calendar year, your RSP must be converted to an RIF (retirement income fund) and you must begin withdrawing your money. Tax-deferred growth continues until the money is withdrawn, then you're taxed based on your current income.

"Under the old rules," explains Cameron, "7.38 per cent had to be drawn in the first year. Now it's 5.28 per cent."

RIFs are flexible — beyond the required annual minimum, you can withdraw as much as you want, as often as you want.

Where does the money you've invested go?
Your contribution can be placed in a number of investment vehicles, such as mortgages, GICs, stocks, bonds, currencies, mutual trust funds, and more, says Dale. "There are many investments which can be held in your RSP, called qualified investments, and other investments that are considered non-qualified and cannot go into an RSP. These lists are rather long, but you can go online to see what qualifies and what doesn't."

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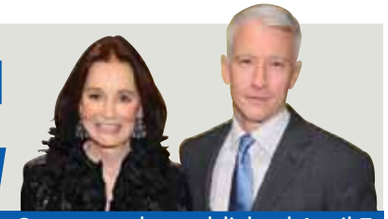

Joint memoir by mother-and-son Gloria Vanderbilt and Anderson Cooper to be published April 5

It was a night full of surprises

AWARDS

Oscar race still wide open after Golden Globes drama

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

The Hollywood Foreign Press certainly likes surprising people, if their picks for winners of the Golden Globes last night were any indication. The capricious collection of international journalists went against the grain in several categories.

The night started off with plenty of unexpected victories, including Kate Winslet winning best supporting actress for her role in Steve Jobs, beating out favourites Jane Fonda and Alicia Vikander; and Maura Tierney winning on the TV side for her supporting role in The Affair. The surprises even seems to catch the winners off-guard. "Is this really happening?" Winslet asked from the stage.

In the movie categories, it was a little less shocking as Leonardo DiCaprio won best actor in a motion picture drama for his role as legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass in The Revenant.

Matt Damon strikes a pose in the press room with his best actor in a comedy Golden Globe for his starring role in The Martian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Earlier, Matt Damon took home best actor in a comedy for The Martian, beating out The Big Short stars Christian Bale and Steve Carell. "It's literally been 18 years since I've been here doing this," Damon said during his speech. And Sylvester Stallone stunned the crowd with a win for his reprisal of Rocky Balboa in Creed. In his speech, he thanked his career-defining character for being "the best friend I ever had." But he failed to thank his director, Ryan Coogler, or co-star, Michael B. Jordan.

But the biggest surprises were on television. Crazy Ex-Girlfriend star Rachel Bloom beat out vets like Lily Tomlin and Julia Louis Dreyfus for best actress in a comedy series, and Lady Gaga took home a Globe for American Horror Story.

Amazon's little-watched Mozart in the Jungle won best comedy series, besting Veep, Orange is the New Black and Transparent, and best actor for star Gael Garcia Bernal. And freshman hacker drama Mr. Robot beat out Game of Thrones for best series.

At least Jon Hamm's win for the final season of Mad Men was expected — and incredibly welcome, and fan favourite Taraji P. Henson brought home a win for Empire. And about the only thing that wasn't a surprise was Jennifer Lawrence winning for Joy, since the HFPA can't not give an award to her.

With so many surprises and head-scratching, though, it's unclear how this year's Golden Globes wins will impact an already scattershot awards season with no clear front-runners.

Maybe Thursday's Oscar nominations announcements will solidify a few of the key races.

FOR ALL THE WINNERS
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OH, RICKY

Host lives up to his controversial rep

Once again, host Ricky Gervais didn't disappoint, packing in plenty of eyebrow-raising remarks:

- "Caitlyn Jenner has done a lot this year for trans visibility. She didn't do a lot for women drivers, though."
- "To be fair, the Martian was a lot funnier than Pixels. But to be fair, so was Schindler's List."
- "On Matt Damon: "He's the only person Ben Affleck hasn't been unfaithful to."

DAZZLING DRESSES
FIVE LOOKS THAT WON THE RED CARPET

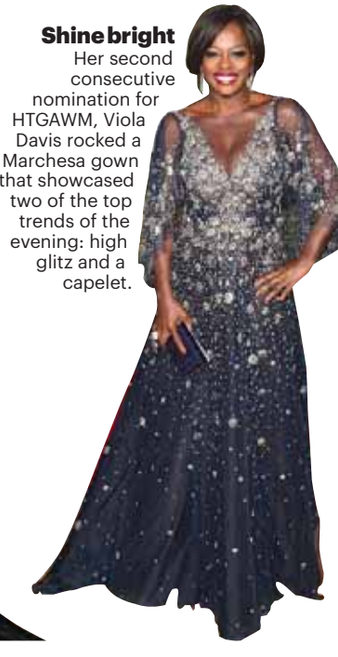
ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES EXCEPT LADY GAGA: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White hot
A muse for the maison, it's no surprise double nominee Alicia Vikander chose to wear Louis Vuitton after appearing in the luxury house's FW15 campaign.

Classic to contemporary
Jennifer Lawrence, who won for best actress in a musical or comedy, walks the line between glamour and gamine in Dior.

Golden Girl
Among the metallics crowd, Brie Larson shined with this golden number from Calvin Klein. Larson won for best actress in a motion picture drama. This was Larson's first nomination and award at the Golden Globes.

Old-school glam
Lady Gaga, who won a best actress award for her role in American Horror Story, went classic Hollywood with platinum Marilyn hair and a black off-the-shoulder custom dress by Versace.



Shine bright
Her second consecutive nomination for HTGAWM, Viola Davis rocked a Marchesa gown that showcased two of the top trends of the evening: high glitz and a capelet.

5 CRIME DOCS FOR ARMCHAIR DETECTIVES

If you enjoyed Making a Murderer and are looking for more from the genre, here are five must-see true crime documentaries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 The Staircase

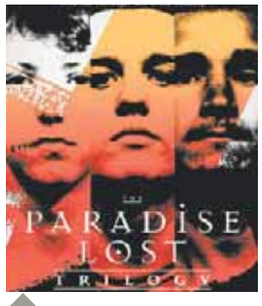
Academy Award-winning documentarian Jean-Xavier de Lestrade made this hugely compelling, eight-part series in 2004, focusing on North Carolina newspaper columnist and novelist Michael Peterson, whose wife Kathleen died under mysterious circumstances in 2001 at the bottom of a set of stairs in their home. Michael claimed Kathleen fell, yet he was convicted of her murder in 2003. However, that wasn't the story's end. A slew of startling revelations about Michael Peterson are woven into the film and, even if you'd firmly decided who to believe by the end of it, de Lestrade furthers the debate with a 2012 sequel (The Staircase 2: The Last Chance) that you'll want to check out. A third is reportedly in the works too. **Available on: Amazon.ca**

2 The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst

This HBO series has just six episodes. But director Andrew Jarecki didn't need more than to stun audiences with his documentary. All he needed was an unforgettably eccentric, bitter multimillionaire suspected of multiple murders, the heinous effect of money on the law and a series ending that will astonish even the most veteran true crime observers. When they say truth is stranger than fiction, The Jinx is what they're talking about. **Available on: HBO on demand**

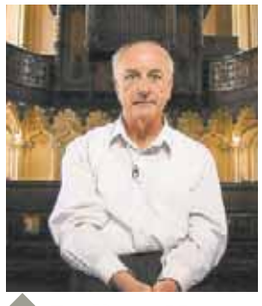
3 The Central Park Five

This 2012 documentary examines the infamous, brutal rape and assault of a female jogger in New York City's Central Park, and five young men who were charged with and convicted of the 1989 crime. Made by Sarah Burns (daughter of documentary icon Ken Burns) and David McMahon, it is a story of racial tensions, class, coerced confession and justice system sinkholes. Oh and Donald Trump plays a notable, shameful role. Timely for many reasons. **Available on: Netflix**



4 The Paradise Lost trilogy

In 1993, directors Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky began chronicling the tragic murders of three prepubescent boys in West Memphis, Ark., and the arrests of three teenage boys in connection with the case. Over the next eight years, they made three films for HBO that paint an utterly disturbing picture of mob mentality, media firestorms and the wrongfully convicted. **Available on: iTunes**



5 Deliver Us From Evil

Made in 2006 by director/producer Amy Berg, this is the story of Catholic priest Oliver O'Grady, who raped and sexually assaulted children in numerous American parishes throughout the 1970s. Rather than being charged for his crimes, O'Grady was transferred around the country by a church hierarchy that knew something was terribly wrong and refused to address it. O'Grady and his victims are interviewed by Berg. **Available on: iTunes**

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

It's easy to trace the track of Obama's tears

THE SHOW: Barack Obama News Conference, Jan. 5
THE MOMENT: Obama crying

Barack Obama weeps at Jan. 5 news conference. GETTY IMAGES

The U.S. President stands at a podium, listing some steps he'd like the U.S. to take to curb gun violence. Then, looking grim, he invokes rhetoric beloved by Americans: "Our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," he says, "were stripped from college kids in Blacksburg and Santa Barbara, from high schoolers in Columbine, and from first-graders in Newtown." He chokes up. "First graders," he repeats. As he wipes away tears, dozens of cameras click.

After watching a leader of the free world weep on TV, people reacted differently. The pundits on Fox questioned why Obama didn't cry over victims of terror. The late-night talk show hosts lambasted Fox.

I have my own idea about why the president wept. It wasn't for the 33,599 people who died by gun in the U.S. in 2014. It wasn't because there were more mass shootings than days in the year. It wasn't even for the slain students. It was because Obama knows that nothing he does or says — not even invoking six-year-olds cut in half by machine-gun fire — will convince his colleagues in government to take measures to stop it. He wept from helplessness. The image of Obama crying will be a defining one for his presidency. Not because he's compassionate (which he clearly is), but because history will judge gun violence to be the major failure of his tenure. Looking into his exhausted eyes, you can see he agrees.

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MINISERIES

Kerry 'terrified' to portray real person

Washington stars as Anita Hill in biopic. GETTY IMAGES

Kerry Washington says she was acutely aware of the challenge of playing Anita Hill in a miniseries dramatizing Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearings. "I was terrified. Portraying somebody who's real is a different kind of responsibility, especially when they're alive. That significance was not lost on me," Washington told a TV critics' meeting Thursday.

Washington, who is also an executive producer on HBO's Confirmation, debuting in April, said she was 14 in 1991 when Hill emerged as a witness against Thomas, accusing him of workplace sexual harassment a decade before. The actress recalled her parents' passionate and contrasting reactions to the hearings, which she said made her determined that the miniseries avoid any "one-note" approach to the event and the people involved.

Thomas is played by Wendell Pierce (Treme, Ray Donovan), who said he searched "for the humanity of the character" as actors typically do. Thomas, who denied Hill's allegations, remains a Supreme Court justice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How to set your financial compass

PLANNING

Map out your money goals before making big decisions

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

A financial plan will help you keep your money priorities on track as life brings changes. ISTOCK

Welcome to 2016. It's going to be a stellar year. Well, it could be. It could be if you are willing to stop managing your money by the seat of your pants and actually make a plan.

Type "financial planning" into Google and it takes just .7 of a second to get 104 million hits. Is it any wonder people are puzzled?

Maybe the place to start is with what a financial plan isn't. A financial plan is NOT a two-page document or a 10-page report you get after spending time talking to an expert. Nor is it what you have to do save for retirement or invest your money. And it certainly isn't buying a lottery ticket and crossing your fingers.

There are thousands of ways in which you will use our money over your life. A financial plan is a road map to make sure you're doing what you want with that money. It involves:

- setting goals
- managing your cash flow,
- creating an emergency fund
- maintaining a healthy credit identity
- saving and investing
- mitigating life's risks
- minimizing your taxes
- creating an estate plan.

As your life and priorities change, so too must your plan. There's no way to lay one plan and then make it to the end without some adjustments. You'd be some kind of boring if that were possible. Nope, a well-lived life requires that if you change your direction, you change your goals and then change your financial plan to match.

You might start out thinking that you're going to buy a home in the next five years. But then you find yourself "with child" and suddenly you're either panicked about not being able to afford it, or determined to make home-ownership happen before baby shows up. Hold your horses for a minute. If you make this an emotional decision, you could end up making a really bad decision. Instead, you want to look at your financial plan and see how you're doing, what you can tweak and what that change in direction will mean in terms of your other goals.

A financial plan is about having a general sense of what you want to achieve, and then deciding what's most important and what will have to take a back seat. Maybe you won't be able to afford that home until you've finished your mat leave. Or maybe you'll reduce your mat leave so you can get back to the full income you need to make the mortgage payments.

In every step of life you have to make choices. So too it is with your money. You'll have to decide — and keep deciding — what's most important. Having a financial plan keeps your priorities front and centre so you don't end up going off half-cocked when making those decisions.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

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Things to consider when making your financial plan

A financial plan is how you will use all that money you're working so hard for to meet your needs and achieve your goals.

- Will you get married?
- Will you go back to school?
- Will you move across the country?
- Will you buy a home?
- Will you have children?
- Will you help put kids through university?
- Will you buy a car? Will you finance that car? How will you finance that car?

COMEDY PLATFORM

Writing free jokes for social media can pay off

It was on a whim and a slow day at work that Jason Richards first dragged Seinfeld into the surreal with a parody account about only slightly more than nothing.

At the time, @SeinfeldToday had recently become a sensation by tweeting modern technology-based plot lines for the classic sitcom: George surfs Tinder, Kramer plays Candy Crush, Elaine watches Netflix, etc.

To Richards, a Seinfeld fan, the account was irritatingly unfunny and ubiquitous. So the Toronto native acted on "unkind instincts" and created @Seinfeld2000, his own bizarro-world that explored the same concept from the point of view of a "total imbecile" who's tragically obsessed with one question: Imagine if Seinfeld was still on TV today?

"I remember very clearly thinking, 'I'm going to do this for two or three days, max,'" Richards said. "I'll blow off a little steam and then I'm going to get on with my life."

Yada yada yada — three years have passed, and Richards now has more than 300,000 Twitter and Instagram followers.

That places the 33-year-old in rarefied air among the many funny people building followings online. Where Twitter was once a fertile frontier for undiscovered comic talent it has gradually become harder to break out.

"Now that it's not new anymore the chances of being crowned a 'Twitter sensation' are slim," said comedian Ted Travelstead. "The field gets glutted the longer it's around."

If the rate of breakthroughs on Twitter has slowed, what's motivating people to pour hours into jokes they're giving away?

Richards always considered @Seinfeld2000 a niche pursuit. So the account's growth has been, to quote Seinfeld's Jackie Chiles, outrageous, egregious, preposterous. Richards was profiled by the New York Times, found famous fans in Aziz Ansari, the Weeknd and Ezra Koenig, and has created a startling number of spinoffs including a video game, interactive story, T-shirt line, ebook, collaboration with How to Dress Well and a lineup of custom emojis.

In this particular economy, exposure is the biggest payoff.

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Jason Richards, who runs the popular Twitter feed Seinfeld2000, has seen his life change, thanks in part to his presence on social media. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HUMOUR MILL

Talent that found stardom 140 characters at a time

- **Megan Amram**
Her absurdist tweets helped the Parks & Recreation writer land a publishing deal for the satirical textbook Science . . . for Her!
Sample tweet: Paintings are just one-piece jigsaw puzzles.

- **Rob Delaney**
His influential style set the template for droves of copycats and led to a starring role on the U.K. series Catastrophe.
Sample tweet: I would like to have sex in outer space one day or on earth.

- **Kelly Oxford**
The Calgary author of the New York Times bestseller Everything is Perfect When You're a Liar has also sold several screenplays since gaining Twitter notoriety.
Sample tweet: I know hardship, I went to French school in Canada, only country in the world where speaking French isn't cool.

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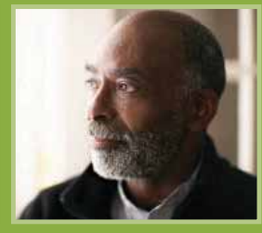

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Lindsey Vonn raced to a pair of wins over the weekend, heating up the battle for the overall World Cup title with leader Lara Gut

TENNIS

Raonic gets his revenge on Federer

Milos Raonic got one back on Roger Federer to start the new season. After losing coach Ivan Ljubicic to the Federer camp leading into 2016, Raonic achieved something nobody else born in the 1990s has managed to do against the 17-time major winner — beat him twice.

The 25-year-old Canadian broke Federer's serve once in each set of a 6-4, 6-4 win on Sunday night in the Brisbane International decider, reversing the outcome of their meeting in last year's final at the Australian Open warmup tournament.

Ljubicic was in Federer's corner for the final. Carlos Moya, who will join Raonic's coaching crew, doesn't arrive in Australia until next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Ovi completes race to 500 against Sens

Alex Ovechkin scored his 500th and 501st goals to become the 43rd NHL player to reach the milestone and the Washington Capitals beat the Ottawa Senators 7-1 on Sunday night.

Ovechkin reached the mark in vintage fashion, scoring from just beyond the left hash marks during a second-period power play to give the Capitals a 5-1 lead.

Teammates mobbed Ovechkin, and he got an extended standing ovation and took a skate around the rink, acknowledging the cheering crowd that included his parents. He added No. 501 midway through third.

Alex Ovechkin GETTY IMAGES

At 801 games, the Russian winger is the fifth-fastest player to 500 goals, trailing only Hall of Famers Wayne Gretzky (575 games), Mario Lemieux (605), Mike Bossy (647) and Brett Hull (693).

Ovechkin has filled the net more often than anyone since he entered the league in 2005, scoring 149 more goals than the next closest player, Jarome Iginla. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Swansea humbled by fourth-tier Oxford

Premier League struggler Swansea was humbled in a 3-2 loss at fourth-tier Oxford on Sunday for the first big shock in the third round of the FA Cup.

After Swansea opened scoring in the 23rd minute, Oxford scored three goals in 14 minutes spanning the halftime break and Bafetimbi Gomis' 66th-minute reply proved only a consolation for Swansea.

Fifty-four places separated Swansea and Oxford in the English football pyramid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nets fire coach, reassign GM

The Brooklyn Nets fired coach Lionel Hollins and reassigned general manager Billy King on Sunday in the midst of their worst season since moving from New Jersey.

The Nets said assistant Tony Brown will serve as the interim head coach, and the GM position will remain open until a replacement is hired.

The Nets have lost nine straight games at home and have a record of 10-27, better than only the league-worst Philadelphia 76ers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seahawks' despair erased by 'grace'

NFL PLAYOFFS

Field-goal miss sends Seattle through to face Carolina

Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman tackles Adrian Peterson on Sunday. Peterson had 45 yards rushing and a pivotal fumble in the Vikings' loss. KIICHIRO SATO/GETTY IMAGES

Russell Wilson and the Seattle Seahawks needed more than three quarters to warm up at Minnesota, their quest to avenge last year's Super Bowl loss nearly frozen before it began.

The Vikings, after gritting through this grind-it-out wild-card round playoff game, booted their chance to beat the two-time defending NFC champions. Blair Walsh's 27-yard field-goal try into the frigid wind hooked left with 22 seconds remaining, handing the Seahawks a 10-9 win over the stunned Vikings on a Sunday in below-zero weather that tied for the third-coldest NFL game on record.

"A lot of people would have folded up and said, 'That's it,' but we've got a team full of fighters," Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman said.

The Seahawks (11-6) didn't score until Russell Wilson's short touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin early in the fourth quarter. Then, a fumble by Adrian Peterson for the Vikings on the next possession set up a field goal by Steven Hauschka.

The Vikings (11-6) took the ball for the deciding drive with 1:42 left at their 39 and, aided by a pass interference penalty on Kam Chancellor, drove deep into Seattle's territory. After draining the clock for the seemingly inevitable win, Walsh simply missed the winner after making all three of his earlier attempts.

SUNDAY In Minneapolis

10	9
SEAHAWKS	VIKINGS

"That's called grace," Chancellor said. "That's all it is."

Seattle will play next weekend at Carolina, where the Panthers had a first-round bye in balmy mid-50s weather.

"I think we were fortunate that we got the win," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "A lot of those times, guys make those kicks. There's a high percentage that they make them, but you've still got to do it."

Walsh didn't hide. Holder Jeff Locke had the laces turned in, not out, but there were no excuses to be made.

"You're confident, but you never think that you have it or take it for granted," Walsh said, subdued with glassy eyes in the locker-room afterward. "I just didn't put a swing on it that would be acceptable by anybody's standards." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pack go on attack after slow start

Packers tight end Richard Rodgers, top, and quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrate a first-half touchdown on Sunday. MARK TENALLY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Rodgers did a jig after his first touchdown pass. Later, he was smiling and nodding and thrusting both arms overhead.

And why not? He has a lot more fun when his offence is balanced — and the Green Bay Packers score seemingly at will.

Spurred by a bit of hurry-up, and a bunch of running, the wild-card Packers got going after a rough start Sunday, with Rodgers throwing for a pair of TDs while Eddie Lacy and James Starks each rushed for a score, and Green Bay beat the NFC East champion Washington Redskins 35-18 to reach the divisional round.

In Landover, Md.

35	18
PACKERS	REDSKINS

Rodgers opened 1-for-8, and the Packers' first four drives ended this way: punt, safety, punt, punt. They had all of 11 yards — yes, just 11 — after one quarter.

But trailing 11-0, the Packers used a bit of hurry-up to score 17 consecutive points, then put the game away on the ground.

Rodgers connected with Randall Cobb and Davante Adams for TDs.

Green Bay (11-6), which lost its last two regular-season games, will play at Arizona on Saturday.

NFC East champion Washington (9-8) had won four games in a row, but its season ends without a victory over a winning team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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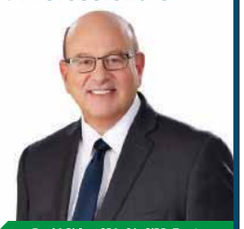
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RECIPE Kale, Spinach and Rice Cakes

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Take leftover rice and transform into these health-packed cakes that are a perfect, light dinner with eggs.

Ready in
Prep time: 30 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 cup chopped spinach
- 1 cup chopped kale
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup cooked Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a muffin pan.
2. In a small pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté for 2 minutes, until onions are translucent.
3. Place spinach, kale and butter mixture into food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. Transfer to a medium-sized bowl.
4. Add rice, eggs and cheese into bowl. Stir until combined.
5. Pour mixture into prepared muffin tin, leaving about 1 inch at the top. Bake for 20 minutes, or until set and edges are golden brown. Loosen edges with a knife and turn onto a plate. Serve warm with your favourite eggs.

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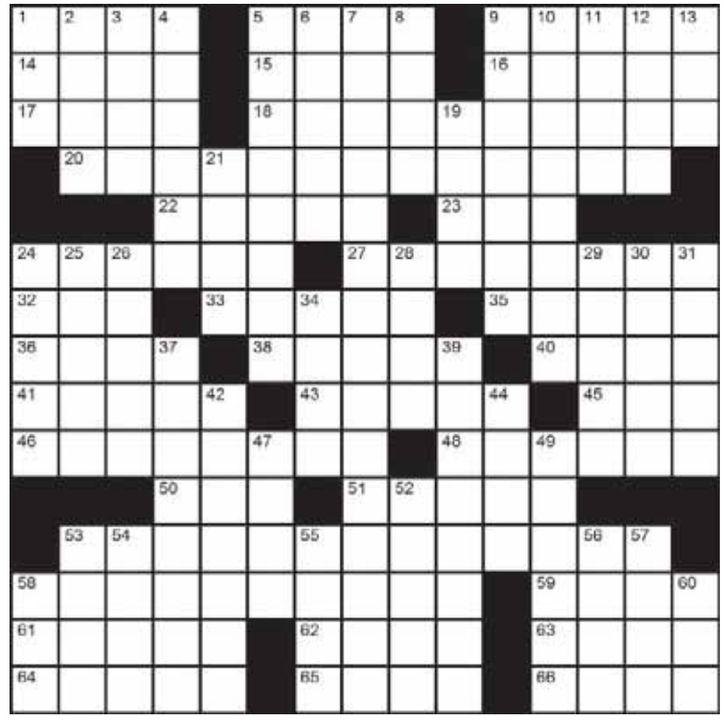
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Thundering sound
5. Moonfish
9. Beach Boys: "_ John B"
14. Golfer's "Watch out!"
15. Exasperate
16. Mrs. Flintstone
17. _ _ bit of light in (Tilt the blinds)
18. One who tolls from the steeple: 2 wds.
20. Canadian author of the bestseller at #53-Across: 2 wds.
22. Paint kind
23. "_ Buttermilk Sky
24. Dog-starring adventure series
27. Canadian legend Oscar of jazz
32. Blake Shelton's Oklahoma hometown
33. Deep _ (Restaurant appliance)
35. New _, India
36. Beaks
38. Mister: Spanish
40. Canadian jazz vocalist Matt
41. Latin for 'fault'
43. Valuable holding
45. Ms. West
46. Athlete's activity
48. Horror flick of 1932 that Dracula would enjoy
50. Mr. Somerhalder
51. :)
53. CBC's set-in-19th-century-Newfoundland miniseries of 2002 based on #20-Across' same-named novel: 2 wds.
58. When a goal is expected to be reached: 2 wds.
59. Flatbread variety
61. Blu Cantrell's "_ '_ Up Style (Oops!)"
62. Challenger
63. Poet Mr. Pound
64. Having a single component
65. Nuptials exchanges: 2 wds.
66. Dog's "Hey, that hurts!"

DOWN
1. Spiral-shaped light bulb, commonly
2. Tunesmith Lisa
3. Puccini aria: "Vissi d'_"
4. Classic necklaces
5. Satellites in movement
6. Art object
7. Like a trip won on a game show: 3 wds.
8. Sea captain's spot
9. Stylishly added the soft ice cream to the cone
10. Remained, as the scent of perfume
11. Gymnast Ms. Korbut
12. Harbinger
13. Golf standard
19. Tooth part
21. Newbie
24. Charging knight's weapon
25. Folie _ _ (Foolishness shared by two)
26. Canada's wild horses island
28. Ancient love god
29. Fall/decline
30. Lana Del Rey's "_ _ Can You See"
31. One manufacturing apparel for the swoosh logo sports brand, say
34. Positive votes
37. English _ Spaniel (Sporting dog breed)
39. Those making edits
42. Steve Guttenberg comedy, "Police _" (1984)
44. Mr. Bachman's
47. "How could _ _?" (It was hard to refuse)
49. Irish actor Colm who starred in #53-Across
52. San _ (California city)
53. Puddle creator
54. "Thou _ _ lady." - King Lear
55. Gladiator's 1506
56. Fixed stare
57. British peer
58. Three days after Monday, wee-ly
60. Catch a wink

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Good things and good people will come into your life this week. You're so popular that your name is at the top of everyone's guest list. Your only problem is going to be finding the time to keep your admirers happy.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you've been thinking about changing direction in your career now is the time to start making some serious moves. All options are open to you, it's just a question of choosing the right one.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You're the flavour of the month. Don't hesitate to take advantage of people's good feelings toward you. Travel will broaden your horizons.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Take full advantage of the favourable position you'll find yourself in today. Don't miss out because you think it would be wrong to do well for yourself while others are struggling.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If a friend or family member says something critical don't think they're trying to put you down. More likely they're trying to make you aware of the mistakes you've been making so you won't make them again.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You'll always reap what you sow, and if recent efforts are anything to go by that means you have a great deal to look forward to. Sit back and enjoy the good things heading your way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The planets are not only boosting your creativity but also your confidence. Find ways to help loved ones who are not feeling as good about life as you are. With your assistance they will soon be smiling again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will find it easy to show affection today, even if you are the kind of Scorpio who prefers to keep your feelings to themselves. Let loved ones know you still care for them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Others will find out soon enough what your opinions are so you might as well come clean now. And if they don't match what most people believe? Then most people are wrong.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Ignore those who say you have been lucky and don't deserve it. They're just jealous that they have to work so hard while everything seems to come easy to you. Yes, life can be unfair at times, but that's how it is.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to be so intense. Rest assured that everything that is meant to happen will happen when the time is right. Relax and let life come to you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
There's so much to be thankful for and yet you seem determined to focus on the very few things that have gone wrong. It's time to lighten up a little and let your heart guide you. You will be happier for it.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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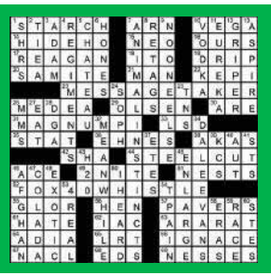

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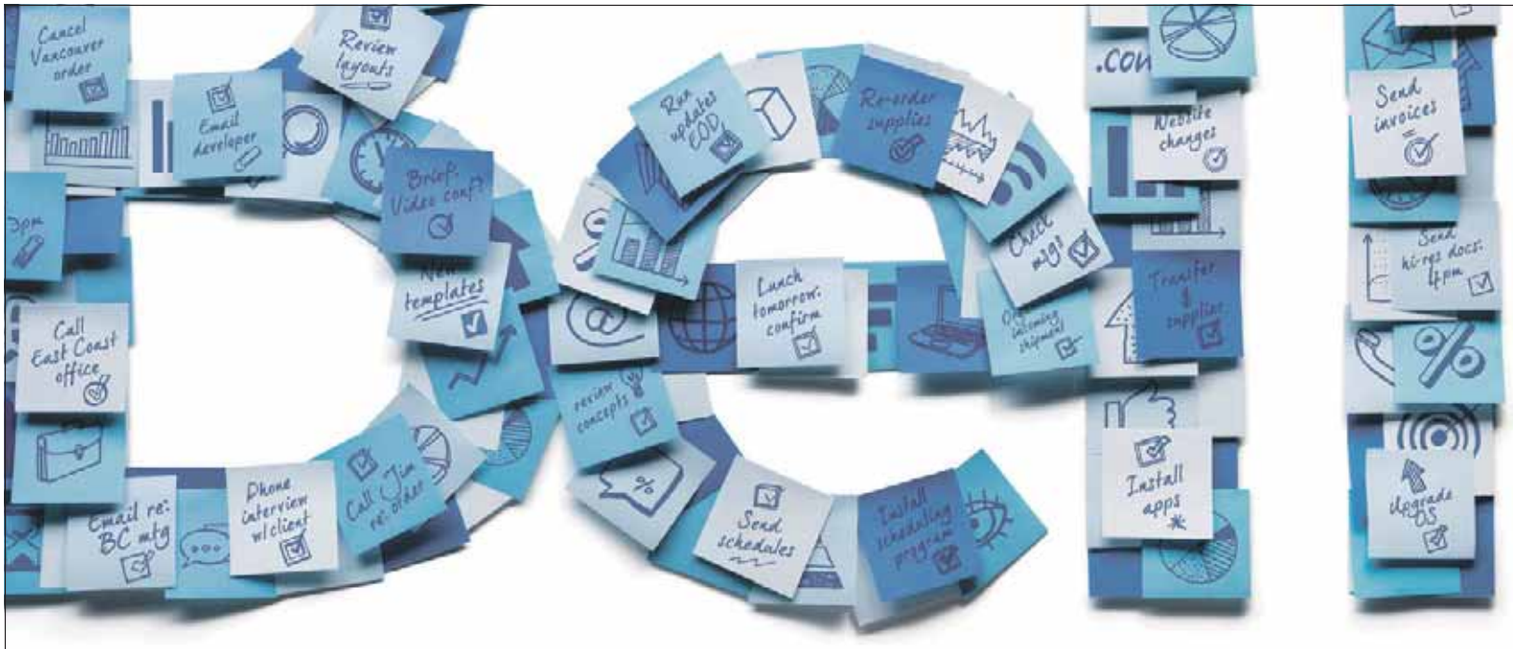

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